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In re Application of:

Sutapa Bhaduri et al.

Serial No: 10/052,291

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: Metal Part Having A Dense Core
And Porous Periphery,
Biocompatible Prosthesis And
Microwave Sintering

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) Docket Number: IDRF113

) Group Art Unit: 3732

) Examiner: Melba N. Bumgarner

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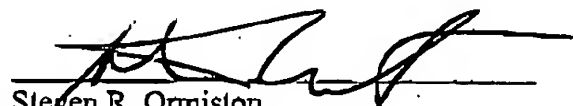
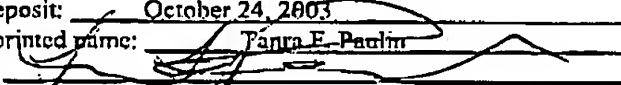
ELECTION

In response to the Election/Restrictions in the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-7, drawn to a solid part, in this Application.

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Invention: METAL PART HAVING A DENSE CORE AND POROUS PERIPHERY, BIOCOMPATIBLE PROSTHESIS AND MICROWAVE SINTERING						
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1. Amendment Transmittal
2. Election

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